

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the court. *See Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976). The court is charged with making a *de novo* determination of any portion of the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge to which a specific objection is made. The court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). The court reviews the Report and Recommendation only for clear error in the absence of an objection. *See Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a *de novo* review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.”) (citation omitted).

On November 14, 2006, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report recommending that Defendants’ May 25, 2006 motion to dismiss (Doc. 13) be denied as moot; Defendants’ August 3, 2003 motion to compel (Doc. 26)¹ be denied; Defendants’ August 25, 2006 motion to dismiss (Doc. 27) be denied; and Defendants’ September 8, 2006 motion for summary judgment (Doc. 29) be granted. The Magistrate Judge advised Plaintiff of the procedures and requirements for filing objections to the Report and Recommendation and the serious consequences if he failed to do so. Plaintiff has filed no objections and the time for doing so has expired.

After reviewing the complaint, the motions, the response, the applicable law, and the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge, the court agrees with the conclusions of the Magistrate Judge. Accordingly, the court adopts and incorporates the Report and Recommendation by reference in this Order.

¹On August 3, 2006, Defendants filed a motion to compel discovery responses.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendants' May 25, 2006 motion to dismiss (Doc. 13) is DENIED as moot; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' August 3, 2006 motion to compel (Doc. 26) is DENIED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' August 25, 2006 motion to dismiss (Doc. 27) is DENIED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' September 8, 2006 motion for summary judgment (Doc. 29) is GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Cameron McGowan Currie
CAMERON MCGOWAN CURRIE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Columbia, South Carolina
December 22, 2006

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